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Sam Lange, a Medical Technologist and former administrator of a California hospital, has been appointed as administrator of the Wasatch hospital. Mr. Lange was a hospital staff member for five years.

The newly appointed administrator has a wide background in medical practice, having served as a Medical Technologist in seven hospitals, and was an administrator for five years.

He is not only licensed nationwide as a Medical Technologist but is a Registered X-ray Technologist and a Registered Emergency Technician.

A native of Byron, Wyoming, he attended Brigham Young University for two years, was an undergraduate of the Eastern Montana College in 1962 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology from B.Y.U. in 1964. He also attended Pharmacy School at the University of Utah in 1967 and studied hospital administration at the Loma Linda University from 1973 to 1974.

His employment as an administrator has been with the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the Boron Citizens Hospital both in California. He has also served as a Medical Technologist in the Baldwin Park Hospital, the Los Angeles County Hospital and the St. Marks Hospital in California and the Memorial Medical Center in Salt Lake City. He is also graduate of a special Personnel Management Course through the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City.

The 34-year-old administrator and his wife, Kathleen, have three children, Steven, 5, Christopher, 3, and Amy, born May 12th, as he puts it, "a special Mother's Day present."

When he had submitted his resignation to the hospital board, he would be leaving about August 15th. He cited disillusionment with the hospital board as his reasons for leaving, charging the board with failure to control the medical staff sufficiently to provide first quality care. Mr. Davis joined the staff the first of this year.

The administrator revealed the reason he had given the board for leaving commenting, "I felt they (the board) had evaded a significant responsibility with regard to the control of the medical staff. As a governing board of a hospital, they are charged with the responsibility for the quality of care that is delivered in the community. My feeling is that they have not met that responsibility."

Mr. Davis declined to cite a particular example, but was apparently referring to the outcome of private hearings recently held by the hospital board. The executive sessions began on May 30th and continued for about two weeks ending with a formal private hearing.

Harold H. Smith, hospital board chairman and Wasatch County Commissioner, admitted that the board had received Mr. Davis' resignation, but no formal action had been taken on accepting the resignation. They are, however, interviewing new applicants for the position. He stressed that the board had not requested his resignation and admitted that they were pleased with the many new innovations which had come to the hospital under Mr. Davis' tenure.

Commissioner Smith also acknowledged that the board had held a series of private hearings over a long period of time, adding that a decision on disciplinary action was made by the board, only after long hours of deliberation. "The well-being and safety of the community was utmost in the minds of the board

a sound decision, he agreed thoughtfully.

The hospital has seen many changes during the past several months. Specialists have been added to the staff, including a Respiratory Therapist and Laboratory Technologist. A trained Emergency Room Technician was also recently hired to man the ambulance and additional life-saving equipment was purchased for the ambulance.

Several thousand dollars worth of technical equipment has been added to the hospital, including a heart monitor to be utilized in surgery. The laboratory department gained a flame photometer, a chloridometer and a fibrometer, which assesses the blood clotting time of a patient. The Respiratory Department also received two important pieces of equipment used in evaluating patients' breathing problems.

The hospital was also certified as a Medicare Extended Care Facility this year and two new physicians have been added to the staff.



